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VARIANTS OF VASCULAR  
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Since copies of these references were provided either by the Applicants or the Examiner in United States Serial No. 08/567,200, filed December 5, 1995 (now U.S.P.N. 6,020,473), upon which the instant applicant relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

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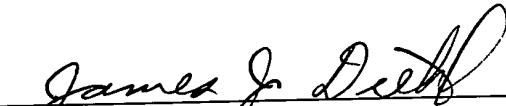
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None of the foregoing references is believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present documents shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

Although no fee is currently believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-62326-2/RFT/JJD).

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